Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims Listing:

1. (Previously Amended) A method for operating a command and control system, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a track management system and sensors;

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server capable of receiving data in a JAVA TWO ENTERPRISE EDITION (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a J2EE compliant protocol;

providing a plurality of computer processing arrangements, each of which is capable of processing JAVA;

in said application server, processing said J2EE compliant data with a plurality of ENTERPRISE JAVABEANS software components, establishing those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

providing said processed data to a user.

2. (Previously Amended) A method for operating a command and control system, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a track management system and sensors;

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server arrangement capable of receiving data in a JAVA TWO ENTERPRISE EDITION (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a J2EE compliant protocol;

providing a computer processing arrangement which is capable of processing J2EE compliant software components;

in said application server arrangement, processing said J2EE compliant data with one of
(a) an ENTERPRISE JAVABEANS software component arrangement and (b) a Common Object
Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) software component arrangement to establish those of
said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing
arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

providing said processed data to a user.